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SUBJECT: SELECTION OF U.S. CANDIDATE FOR POSITION
-- OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SYG PRIVATE OFFICE

REF: REHFELD-LAMBERT TELCON

1. FIVE CANDIDATES WERE INTERVIEWED FOR THIS POSITION ON FEBRUARY 9, BY THE DIRECTOR, SYG PRIVATE OFFICE. THEY HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM SELECTING ONE OF THE AVAILABLE POSITIONS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BECAUSE OF THE INFORMAL AND EXCEPTIONAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US AND NATO THAT THE SYG OR THE DIRECTOR, SYG PRIVATE OFFICE SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT A CANDIDATE WHO WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR THE POSITION.

2. PLEASE INFORM MR. VAN CAMPEN THAT WE REGRET THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE TO PREVENT ALL FIVE CANDIDATES FROM BEING ASSIGNED TO OTHER POSITIONS WHICH ARE NOW BEING FILLED. IF, AS INDICATED IN REF, VAN CAMPEN BELIEVES THAT HE HAD ASSURANCES FROM HELMAN THAT ALL FIVE WOULD REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL A WEEK AFTER HIS RETURN TO BRUSSELS, PLEASE EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT, UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCEPT THAT AT THE TIME IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT HE WOULD

RETURN TO BRUSSELS DIRECTLY, AND ARRIVE THERE ON

FEBRUARY 11. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF MR. VAN CAMPEN
COULD MAKE AN IMMEDIATE DECISION WHICH WOULD BE WITHIN
THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HIM, HELMAN, HOLMES, AND AS
ACCEPTED BY CENTRAL PERSONNEL, TO ASSURE THAT THE CANDI-
DATE HE SELECTS IS STILL AVAILABLE. AT A MINIMUM, WE
WOULD LIKE HIM TO NARROW THE SELECTION DOWN TO TWO, SO
THAT THREE CANDIDATES CAN BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED FOR
OTHER ASSIGNMENTS, WITH A FINAL SELECTION AT THE LATEST
BY THIS WEEKEND.

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